

**Q: Who needs or does not need a license?**

**A:** Anyone who will perform nonexempt electrical work without supervision by a licensed electrician or master electrician DOES require a license.

The following are exempt and do not need a license to do electrical work:

- Electrical utilities and their employees operating under KRS227A.030 (1).
- Maintenance workers doing routine maintenance of electrical systems.
- Homeowners or farmers working on their own property.
- Retailers installing appliances purchased at a retail establishment.
- Workers in coal mines or coal preparation plants.
- Workers installing or repairing low-voltage telecommunications systems 50 volts or less.
- Factory-authorized representatives installing medical equipment devices, or factory engineers and third-party companies with equivalent training.

**Q: What license is necessary?**

**A:** See Headings listed below:

- **Electrical Contractor:**  
When contracting with the public to perform electrical work an electrical contractor license is required. Only licensed electrical contractors may request electrical permits.
- **Master Electrician:**  
All electrical contractors must employ at least one master electrician. Master electricians are responsible for all electrical work performed under their supervision.
- **Electrician:**  
All electrical work must be performed by, or under the supervision of, a licensed electrician or master electrician. In order to work unsupervised; an electrical worker must be a licensed electrician.

**Q: What license is necessary to be self-employed as an electrician?**

**A:** When contracting with the public and requesting permits, your business must be licensed as an electrical contractor. Each electrical contractor must employ at least one master electrician. Therefore, if you are a one-person electrical business, you must obtain both an electrical contractor license and a master electrician license.

**Q: What are the electrical licensing application requirements?**

**A:** See the headings below:

**Electrical Contractor:**

- Proof of passing test results
- Certificate of Liability Insurance (minimum of \$500,000 general liability).
- Workers' compensation or notarized waiver.
- Completed application.
- Application fee (prorated-contact the office for fee schedule)
- Color Photo of applicant.

**Master Electrician:**

- Proof of passing test results
- Notarized proof of eight years experience-either six years of work experience and completion of an approved training program (at least 576 hours of classroom training) or an additional two years of work experience.
- Completed application
- Application fee (prorated-contact the office for fee schedule).
- Color photo of applicant.

**Electrician:**

- Proof of passing test results.

- Notarized proof of six years experience-either four years of work experience and completion of an approved training program (at least 576 hours of classroom training) or an additional two years of work experience.
- Completed application
- Application fee (prorated-contact the office for fee schedule).
- Color photo of applicant.

**Q: What are the renewal requirements for electrical licensing?**

**A:** See headings below:

**Electrical Contractor:**

- Certificate of Liability Insurance (minimum of \$500,000 general liability).
- Workers Compensation or notarized waiver.
- \$200 renewal fee.
- Proof of six hours of continuing education from an approved provider.
- Designated Master Electrician listed.
- Renewal Application

**Master Electrician**

- \$100 renewal fee.
- Proof of six hours of continuing education from an approved provider.
- Renewal Application.

**Electrician**

- \$50 renewal fee.
- Proof of six hours of continuing education from an approved provider.
- Renewal application.

**Q: What if I'm denied a license...do I get my fee refunded?**

**A:** Application, renewal, reinstatement and late fees shall be nonrefundable.  
815 KAR 35:060 Section 3(2)

**Q: Are there any penalties for not getting a license:**

**A:** Performing electrical work without the required license is a crime. If you present yourself as an electrical contractor, master electrician, or electrician without the proper license you may be convicted of a misdemeanor and fined from \$500 up to \$5,000 or sentenced from 10-180 days in jail or both. (KRS 227A.130)

**Q: How do I apply for an electrical license?**

**A:** You can download the application form from this Web site, complete the application and mail it to us along with applicable requested information to:

- Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction  
Electrical Licensing Section  
101 Sea Hero Rd, Suite 100  
Frankfort, KY 40601-5405
- [Forms Page](#)
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**Q: When will I get my permanent license card?**

**A:** Permanent license cards are typically mailed out within three to five business days of receipt of your application and ALL required documentation.

**Q: Where do I take an electrical license test?**

**A:** Click on the following link for information on the International Code Council (ICC) Standard Examination Program.  
<http://www.asisvcs.com/indhome.asp?CPCAT=4100PROFCERT>

**Q: How do I apply for approval for electrical continuing education provider status?**

**A:** Continuing education shall be provided by one of the organizations listed in KRS 227A.100 (7) or by an individual recommended by the Electrical Advisory Committee and approved by the Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction. 815 KAR 35:100 Section 3(2) states an applicant for certification as a continuing education provider shall submit the following information to the Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction:

- a) Types of courses to be offered.
- b) Times and dates that courses will be offered.
- c) Location where courses will be offered.
- d) Availability of courses to the general public.
- e) Fees to be charged for the courses.

All required information listed above must be submitted to the Electrical Licensing Section 10 days prior to a scheduled Electrical Advisory Committee meeting. If the information is not received 10 days prior to the meeting you will be added to the next committee meeting agenda for review/approval. The committee meets quarterly.

**Q: Are online or correspondence courses acceptable forms of continuing education?**

**A:** At this time 10 providers have been approved to provide online courses. Please contact this office for more information at 502-573-2002.